

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 16, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

(Proposed 2003 Revaluation Schedule of Values)

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:00 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning the proposed Schedules, Standards and Rules to be used in the Brunswick County 2003 Revaluation.

Boyd Williamson, Tax Supervisor, explained that the proposed Schedules, Standards and Rules will be presented at the January 6, 2003 Regular Meeting for adoption.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board concerning the proposed amendment.

There were no comments from the audience.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sue moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 16, 2002
6:05 P.M.
(Proposed Utilities Operations Board Amendment)**

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:05 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning the Proposed Utilities Operations Board Amendment.

Huey Marshall, County Attorney, explained the proposed amendment.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board concerning the proposed amendment.

There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Sandifer asked for discussion from the Board. There was discussion regarding staggered terms, designating the new position as an at-large appointment and to include that all members serve at the pleasure of the Board.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 16, 2002
6:15 P.M.**

(Public Housing CDBG Scattered Site Housing Program)

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:15 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Program Application.

Vonnie Fulwood, Public Housing Director, explained the Program Application.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board concerning the proposed amendment.

1. Freddie Stephenson stated that 24 people in the Longwood Community desperately need assistance with housing repair and replacement needs.

Commissioner Sue asked if these citizens were included in the Scattered Site Housing Program. Ms. Fulwood stated that they were included and priority has to be determined after funds are received. It was consensus of the Board to offer assistance to those in need.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 16, 2002
6:20 P.M.**

(Public Housing CDBG Contingency Fund Application/Scattered Site Category)

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:20 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:20 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning the CDBG Contingency Fund Application, Scattered Site Category.

Vonnie Fulwood, Public Housing Director, explained the Contingency Fund Application.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board concerning the proposed amendment.

There were no comments from the audience.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2002
6:30 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Fiscal Operations Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sue gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Sandifer asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. The following adjustments were made:

1. The County Manager requested to move item VI-5 to the County Attorney's Report as item VIII-4.

Commissioner Rabon moved to approve the agenda with the adjustments included. The vote of approval was unanimous.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak regarding any item on the agenda or any matter that was not included in the agenda.

There were no comments from the audience.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the adjustments included. The vote of approval was unanimous. The following items were approved:

A. Minutes

December 2, 2002 Regular/Reorganization Meeting

B. Tax Matters

- 1) Fire Fee Releases for December 2002
- 2) Tax Releases for December 2002
- 3) Motor Vehicle Valuation and Levy for August 2002

C. Finance – FY 2002-2003

Please find below the following FY 2002-2003 budget amendment requests:

1) District Attorney - Teen Court Program

\$69,198 Increase Communities in Schools Revenue

This amendment represents funding from Communities in Schools for the Teen Court program administered by the District Attorney. Teen Court is held in Brunswick County for Brunswick & Columbus counties. County funds are not involved.

2) Health - Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)

\$ 4,933 Increase State Revenue

This amendment represents the amount that has been approved by the State to help families that qualify for this assistance. This service is offered by the Health Department for family planning purposes. County funds are not involved.

3) As you will recall, the following FY 2002-2003 budget amendment was removed from your November 16, 2002 agenda. We have now completed the update as follows:

1/2 Cents Sales Tax - Article 44

\$463,650 Increase 1/2 Cents Sales Tax - Article 44

This amendment represents the net amount of revenue anticipated to be received from the new 1/2 cents Sales Tax you enacted effective December 1, 2002. The gross amount we anticipate to collect from the State for this additional 1/2 cents Sales Tax is approximately \$1,718,000. This estimate was released by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). From this unexpected revenue, the County, pursuant to an agreement with the Village of Bald Head Island, will share \$35,000 toward meeting the County's obligation of providing countywide emergency response. Finally, reducing the State reimbursements from the FY 2002-2003 budget is also included in this amendment which were Intangibles Tax Reimbursement at \$524,000, Inventory Tax reimbursement at \$672,350

and the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Reimbursement at \$58, 000. County funds are not involved.

We request the Board's concurrence to amend the FY 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance accordingly.

D. Resolution

Approval of Resolution to Recognize Justin Holden Hewett.

Resolution to Recognize Justin Holden Hewett

The Brunswick County Commissioners, meeting in Regular Session, do hereby enact:

RESOLVED, that the County of Brunswick has survived numerous challenges, being from Nature or War, or other divers Causes, and the durability and resilience of its People have followed those assaults, not with just Survival, but a Thriving, and

RESOLVED, that Time and the Rivers have tested the mettle of all the inhabitants, and not all have lasted, but those shown Worthy have made and left their mark, in useful Arts and Sciences, in Discipline and Knowledge, and in Keeping and Promoting Peace, and

RESOLVED, that the Boy Scouts of America, from its inception, has valued, taught, and practiced those virtues that are everlasting, unaffected by the mere passage of time or persons, honoring those that have demonstrated the ability to understand, believe, and practice justice, promote tranquility, and "do the right thing," and

RESOLVED, that one **JUSTIN HOLDEN HEWETT**, having practiced those arts and has earned 31 Merit Badges, and has now earned the distinction of being an Eagle Scout, having demonstrated an ability to connect to the World around him, and to look for That which survives, being included on the Honor Roll at West Brunswick High School, where he is Editor of the School newspaper, has been elected to Student Government President, has taken the time to be a Volunteer Firemen, and has tempered his endeavors with laughter, reverence, love, surfing, golfing, and hunting and fishing

THEREFORE, the Board of the Brunswick County Commissioners, meeting in Regular Session, recognize a native son, **JUSTIN HOLDEN HEWETT**, record the pride of his family and friends, and challenge him, warning that the Greatest Battles are yet to come.

This the 16th day of December, 2002.

s/David R. Sandifer, Chair
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:
s/Deborah S. (Debby) Gore, CMC
Clerk to the Board

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. CJPP – Electronic House Arrest Monitoring Services – (Marty Lawing)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider approving an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Correction for Electronic Monitoring Device monitoring services and the associated FY 2002 – 2003 Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Sue moved to approve the agreement with the North Carolina Department of Correction for Electronic Monitoring Device Services and the associated Budget Amendment. The vote of approval was unanimous.

2. Emergency Services – LEC Services Lease Agreement – (Randy Thompson)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider approving a two-year lease agreement with LEC Services to provide and install eleven concrete shelters for the Emergency Radio Communications System Equipment.

Commissioner Sue moved to approve the two-year lease agreement with LEC Services for eleven shelters for the Emergency Radio Communications System Equipment. The vote of approval was unanimous.

3. Finance – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) – (*Lithia Brooks*)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider receiving the June 30, 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The Fiscal Operations Director presented the Annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

4. Public Housing –Community Development Block Application (*Vonnie Fulwood*)

Staff recommends approval of Community Development Block 2003 Scattered Site Housing Application.

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to approve the CDBG 2003 Scattered Site Housing Application and the CDBG Contingency Fund Application, Scattered Site Category. The vote of approval was unanimous.

5. Cooperative Extension Service Director (*Steve Stone*)

(Moved to Item VIII-4 under Adjustments to the Agenda)

Dr. Wanda Sykes, Southeast District Director for NC Cooperative Extension Service, will present recommended candidate to fill vacant Director Position.

VII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Southeastern Economic Development (2 appointments)

Commissioner Sue nominated Phil Norris for the Commissioner appointment. Commissioner Moore moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Phil Norris. The vote of approval was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Norris will serve a two-year term that will expire December 1, 2004.

Vice-Chairman Norris nominated Ray Gilbert. Commissioner Sue moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Ray Gilbert. The vote of approval was three ayes (Norris, Sue and Sandifer) and two nays (Rabon and Moore). Ray Gilbert will serve a three-year term that will expire January 1, 2006.

2) Health Board (2 appointments, District 3&4)

Commissioner Moore nominated Phillip Tripp. Vice-Chairman Norris moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Norris moved to approve the appointment of Phillip Tripp. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Sue nominated Charles L. Carroll. Vice-Chairman Norris moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Sandifer moved to approve the appointment of Charles Carroll. The vote of approval was unanimous. Phillip Tripp and Charles Carroll will serve a three-year term that will expire December 1, 2005.

3) Parks and Recreation (1 appointment, District 5)

Commissioner Sue moved to table the appointment. The vote of approval was unanimous.

4) Utilities Operations Board (2 appointments, District 1&3)

Commissioner Moore nominated David Durr. Vice-Chairman Norris nominated Rick Tompkins. Commissioner Sue moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of David Durr and Ricky Tompkins. The vote of approval was unanimous. David Durr was re-appointed to another two-year term that will expire December 1, 2004. Ricky Tompkins will serve a two-year term that will expire December 1, 2004.

5) **ABC Board** (1 appointment)

Vice-Chairman Norris nominated Mitchell Williams. Commissioner Sue moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Mitchell Williams. The vote of approval was unanimous. Mitchell Williams will serve a three-year term that will expire January 1, 2006.

6) **Tourism Development Authority** (approve Chamber of Commerce appointment)

Commissioner Moore nominated Sherri Marshall. Commissioner Rabon moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Sandifer moved to approve the appointment of Sherri Marshall. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to re-appoint Kemp Causey as Chairman. The vote of approval was unanimous. Sherri Marshall will serve another three-year term that will expire October 2, 2005. Kemp Causey will serve as Chairman of the Tourism Development Authority.

7) **Southeastern Center Area Board** (1 Commissioner appointment)

Commissioner Sue nominated Phil Norris for the Commissioner appointment. Commissioner Moore moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Phil Norris. The vote of approval was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Norris will serve a two-year term that will expire December 1, 2004.

8) **Cape Fear Resources Conservation & Development Council** (Commissioner appointment)

Commissioner Sue nominated Phil Norris for the Commissioner appointment. Commissioner Moore moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Phil Norris. The vote of approval was unanimous.

9) **Partnership for Children** (1 Commissioner appointment)

Commissioner Sue nominated Phil Norris for the Commissioner appointment. Commissioner Moore moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Sue moved to approve the appointment of Phil Norris. The vote of approval was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Norris will serve a two-year term that will expire December 1, 2004.

VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. **Required public hearing on J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital**

Request to set Public Hearing for issuance of renovation and equipment acquisition bonds for Doshier Hospital.

Commissioner Moore moved to set a Public Hearing for January 6, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

2. **Utility Operations Board Ordinance Amendment**

The County Attorney explained the Amended Utility Operations Board Ordinance.

The Board discussed having all members serve at the pleasure of the Board and to change the expiration date of the new St. James appointment to January 1, 2005.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Amendment with the above changes. The vote of approval was unanimous.

3. Closed Session 7:15 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) (4) and (6), pending and potential litigation and employment.

Recess Chairman Sandifer called a five-minute recess.

Reconvened 8:57 p.m.

Chairman Sandifer called the Open Session back to order.

**4. Cooperative Extension Service Director (*Steve Stone*)
(Moved from Item VI-5 under Adjustments to the Agenda)**

Dr. Wanda Sykes, Southeast District Director for NC Cooperative Extension Service, will present recommended candidate to fill vacant Director Position.

Commissioner Rabon moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Martha Warren Warner as Cooperative Extension Director. The vote of approval was unanimous.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Robert Morrow as the St. James representative on the Utilities Operations Board. Chairman Sandifer moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Sandifer moved to approve the appointment of Robert Morrow. The vote of approval was unanimous. Mr. Morrow will serve a two-year term that will expire January 1, 2005.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to recess the Regular Meeting until December 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers for a Sewer District/C&D Landfill Workshop. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board